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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the Figure legend on page 4, line 14 with the following amended legend:

a1 --Fig. 11 is a side view of an intramedullary rod configured to receive individual tines.--

Please replace the Figure legend on page 5, line 9 with the following amended legend:

a2 --Fig. 32 is a side view of a fastener for use with the tie band of Fig. 30.--

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, lines 14-20 with the following amended paragraph:

a3 --Although Fig. 10 shows five drill guides 325 positioned within the aiming piece 315, the guide 300 may be accompanied by a single drill guide 325 that can be removed and reinserted in another channel 320. Fig. 10 also shows the proximal-most channel 115 being positioned at a 90° rotation from the other mounting sections or channels 115, 120. The guide 300 is configured such that the handle 310 can be moved relative to the mounting piece 305 in

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